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1962 EXTENSION OF GDR DRAFT LAW TO EAST BERLIN

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USBER HAS GIVEN SEPTTEL STATUS REPORT AND LEGAL ANALYSIS OF
NICO HUEBNER CASE. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL A REQUEST, USBER
IS REPORTING IN THIS MESSAGE THE TEXT OF THE 1962 PROTEST
OF THE THREE WESTERN COMMANDANTS TO THE SOVIET COMMANDANT
ON THE EXTENSION TO EAST BERLIN OF GDR LEGISLATION ON
COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE. USBER RETRIEVED PROTEST FROM
PUBLIC DOCUMENT (DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF THE
OCCUPATION REGIME IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, PUBLISHED
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LETTER FROM THE WESTERN COMMANDANTS IN BERLIN
TO THE SOVIET COMMANDANT CONCERNING CONSCRIPTION
IN EAST BERLIN, 10TH OF FEBRUARY, 1962.

THE COMMANDANTS OF THE UNITED STATES, FRENCH AND BRITISH SECTORS OF BERLIN HAVE OBSERVED WITH SERIOUS CONCERN THE ENACTMENT OF EAST GERMAN COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE LEGISLATION AND PARTICULARLY ITS APPLICATION TO GERMAN RESIDENTS OF THE SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN.

HAVING ALREADY FLAGRANTLY VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENTS FORBIDDING MILITARISM BY BRINGING EAST GERMAN MILITARY AND PARA-MILITARY FORCES INTO THE SOVIET SECTOR, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN THE SOVIET SECTOR HAVE NOW BEEN PERMITTED FURTHER TO VIOLATE THESE AGREEMENTS BY INTRODUCING CONSCRIPTION: IT CANNOT FAIL TO BE NOTED THAT THERE IS A STRONG CONTRAST BETWEEN THE CONDONATION BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES OF SUCH FURTHER FLAGRANT STEPS TOWARDS RE-MILITARISATION AND ITS PRETENSIONS THAT IT DESIRES A DECREASE OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. THESE ACTIONS ALSO CONTRAST STRONGLY WITH THE CAREFUL OBSERVATION OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS IN THIS FIELD BY THE WESTERN ALLIES IN BERLIN.

THE WESTERN COMMANDANTS CANNOT IGNORE THIS SITUATION AND STRONGLY PROTEST THIS LATEST MEASURE WHICH CONSTITUTES NOT ONLY A VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTS FORBIDDING MILITARISM, BUT A NEW THREAT TO THE SECURITY TO BERLIN.

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